राज्य सरकार को 3 करोड़ रुपये की राशि रिलीज की गई थी। बाद में राज्य सरकार ने आवंटित राशि में ही साबरकंठा जिले में 339 हैंडपम्प लगाए जाने वाली 229 बस्तियों और बनासकंठा जिले में 82 हैंडपम्प लगाए जाने वाली 62 बस्तियों को शामिल कर लिया था।

(ग) उपरोक्त योजना के अंतर्गत जनवरी, 1993 तक लगाए गए हैंडपम्पों की संख्या के जिलावार ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं :—

क्रमांक	जिले का नाम	लगाए गए हैंडपम्पों की संख्या
1.	बड़ौदरा	70
2.	पंचमहल	190
3.	सूरत	40
4.	भड़ौच	61
5.	बलसाड़	304
6.	साबरकंठा	153
7.	बनासकंठा	37
	योग :	855

Shortage of Vitamin 'C'

236. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIMS MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a chronic and continuing shortage of Vitamin 'C formulations and multi vitamin preparations contain ing vitamin 'C for the last several months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to allow import of Vitamin 'C at concessional rale of custom duty;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other steps Government proopse to take in this regardT

TH3 MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRl EDU-ARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Supply of bulk Vitamin C had got dislocated during the second and third quarters of 1992 due to short-fall in. production of one of the two units. The position has since improved and, as per the available information, the present, production level is adequate to meet the estimated demand,

(c) to (e) At present there is no proposal to reduce the custom^ duty on Vitamin C. Government, however, is keeping a constant watch and in case the situation, so warrants, duty reduction would be considered in iae consumer interest.

Development of a substitute for

MOHAMMED SALIM:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Wiil the PRIME MINISTER bo placed to state;

(a) nether Government's attention has been drawn to a meet on developing substitutes for timber was held recently in the Capital;

(b) whether efforts to develop a substitute for timber as industrial and construction sector material would get adequate support; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DE-PAPMI5NT OF 'INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEA-VY 'INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Policy Advisory Group on Wood Substitution of the